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Table IS2.1 **Summary by source of income**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Source	*2016-2017 approved estimates*[a]	*2018-2019 estimates*	*Increase (decrease)*
A. Income from rental of premises	24 587.5	25 996.1	1 408.6
B. Reimbursement for services provided to specialized agencies and others	826.2	860.9	34.7
C. Bank interest	2 508.7	3 220.7	712.0
D. Sale of used equipment	113.0	169.8	56.8
E. Refund of previous years' expenditures	3 967.9	3 967.9	–
F. Contributions of non-member States	195.9	201.8	5.9
G. Television and similar services	64.0	80.0	16.0
H. Miscellaneous income	9 379.1	10 194.5	815.4
Total	**41 642.3**	**44 691.7**	**3 049.4**

[a] Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 71/273 A to C.

A. Income from rental of premises

IS2.1 The estimates under this heading, the details of which are shown in table IS2.2, relate to the payment of rent by a number of specialized agencies and other entities connected with the activities of the Organization for the occupancy of United Nations premises in New York, Geneva, Nairobi, Addis Ababa, Bangkok and Santiago. Under the terms of agreement with the Government of Austria, the United Nations does not charge rent for the space provided for other tenants on its premises in Vienna, and rental income generated in Vienna would devolve to the Government of Austria. The estimate for the biennium 2018-2019 reflects the full anticipated revenue for that financial period.

IS2.2 The estimated net increase of $1,408,600 in rental income is due to the combined increases in Geneva ($163,000), Nairobi ($1,119,400), Addis Ababa ($258,500) and Bangkok ($232,900), partially offset by a decrease at Headquarters ($365,200). The increase in Geneva is due to the renegotiation of a number of lease contracts, most significantly the contract with the International School of Geneva. The increase in Nairobi is primarily attributable to improvements in space management. The increase in Addis Ababa results from the upward revision in rental rates, reviewed annually and based on actual expenditures and prevailing market rates, which will be negotiated with existing tenants for the biennium 2018-2019. The increase in Bangkok is due to an upward revision in rental rates and an increase in the amount of space made available for rent. The decrease at Headquarters is a result of a decrease in rental income received from current occupants that reduced their office space requirements.

Table IS2.2 **Income from rental of premises**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Source	*2016-2017 approved estimates*[a]	*2018-2019 estimates*	*Increase (decrease)*
Headquarters, New York	4 434.6	4 069.4	(365.2)
United Nations Office at Geneva	2 400.0	2 563.0	163.0
United Nations Office at Nairobi	12 644.6	13 764.0	1 119.4
Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa	3 748.8	4 007.3	258.5

Source	*2016-2017 approved estimates*[a]	*2018-2019 estimates*	*Increase (decrease)*
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok	1 300.0	1 532.9	232.9
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago	59.5	59.5	–
Total	**24 587.5**	**25 996.1**	**1 408.6**

[a] Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 71/273 A to C.

B. Reimbursement for services provided to specialized agencies and others

IS2.3 The expected income under this heading is set out in table IS2.3. The total estimated income of $860,900 reflects a net increase of $34,700 for the Economic Commission for Africa owing to an increase of $67,100 based on projected higher demand for document reproduction services in the forthcoming biennium, partially offset by a decrease of $32,400 for language training owing to lower anticipated attendance.

Table IS2.3 **Reimbursement for services provided to specialized agencies and others**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Source	*2016-2017 approved estimates*[a]	*2018-2019 estimates*	*Increase (decrease)*
United Nations Office at Vienna	480.0	480.0	–
Economic Commission for Africa			
Document reproduction services	278.9	346.0	67.1
Language training	67.3	34.9	(32.4)
Total	**826.2**	**860.9**	**34.7**

[a] Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 71/273 A to C.

C. Bank interest

IS2.4 The global economy has improved modestly and is projected to grow in the biennium 2018-2019, and interest rates have risen in response. Accordingly, it is projected that interest income to be earned on United Nations bank account balances in respect of the general fund during the biennium 2018-2019 will amount to $3,220,700, an increase of $712,000 from the approved estimate for the biennium 2016-2017 (General Assembly resolutions 71/273 A to C).

D. Sale of used equipment

IS2.5 The estimate of $169,800, reflecting a net increase of $56,800 compared with the estimate approved for 2016-2017 (resolutions 71/273 A to C), is projected for the sale of used vehicles and equipment at Headquarters, the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific that have been identified for disposal in the biennium 2018-2019. The estimate includes an amount of $44,300 for the Economic Commission for Africa that was previously categorized under miscellaneous income.

E. Refund of previous years' expenditures

IS2.6 An estimated amount of $3,967,900, in line with the estimate approved for the biennium 2016-2017 (resolutions 71/273 A to C), is expected to be refunded from prior years' expenditures. It should be noted, however, that the level of refunds is influenced by external factors and therefore difficult to predict with accuracy.

F. Contributions of non-member States

IS2.7 Under the terms of rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and regulation 3.9 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, States that are not members of the United Nations but participate in certain activities of the Organization contribute towards the expenses of such activities at rates to be determined by the Assembly. By its resolution 44/197 B, the Assembly endorsed the revised assessment procedures for non-member States contained in paragraphs 50 to 52 of the report of the Committee on Contributions (A/44/11 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1). These procedures provide for assessment of contributions on the basis of a flat annual fee at the beginning of each year. That fee was calculated for each non-member State on the basis of a varying proportion of the applicable rate of assessment, which was applied to the applicable assessment base. The assessment base equals the total net assessment for the United Nations regular budget for the year. By its resolution 58/1 B, the Assembly endorsed the recommendation of the Committee that the flat annual fee percentage of the Holy See should be fixed at 50 per cent of the notional rate of assessment and that further periodic review of the percentage should be suspended. By its decision 68/548, the Assembly decided that the State of Palestine was to be called upon to contribute towards the expenses of the Organization on the basis of the same procedure. As such, the total contribution from these non-member States is projected to be $201,800 for the biennium 2018-2019.

G. Television and similar services

IS2.8 Income from television and similar services, such as publication fees charged when the images within the United Nations photo library are used in commercially published print monographs, service fees and royalty fees charged for the research, screening and duplication of the United Nations video and film collection, is estimated at $80,000, reflecting a net increase of $16,000. The expected increase is based on the revision of service fees and latest sales trends.

H. Miscellaneous income

IS2.9 Various receipts that cannot properly be classified under any of the preceding subheadings, such as funds from agencies, funds and programmes for their prorated share of the costs of the administration of justice, are included under this subheading. Given its nature, miscellaneous income is difficult to predict with accuracy. The estimate of $10,194,500 reflects a conservative approach mainly based on expected miscellaneous income in the current biennium. The amount is higher than the approved estimate for the biennium 2016-2017 (resolutions 71/273 A to C) by $815,400.